



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

K-9 Veterans Day

WHEREAS, military working dogs have been used by the U.S. armed forces since World War I, and on March 13, 1942, the Quartermaster Corps of the U.S. Army began training dogs for the newly established War Dog Program, also known as the "K-9 Corps"; and

WHEREAS, still today, military working dogs serve alongside our men and women in uniform, both on active duty and serving in the reserves of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard; and

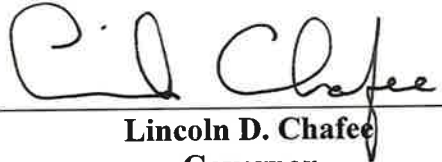
WHEREAS, it is only fitting that we remember and honor the dog handlers and their faithful K-9 partners for their service and sacrifice during World Wars I and II, The Korean War, Vietnam War, Iraq War, Afghanistan War and many other conflicts; and


WHEREAS, on this day, we encourage all citizens of this great state to honor the forgotten hero dogs who helped, and continue to help sustain the protection, safety and freedom of citizens in our state and throughout the United States of America; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim March 13, 2013 as K-9 Veterans Day in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this day.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 13th day of March, 2013


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State